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## CHAMPIONS AGAIN ARE MEN OF '17

Scored 52 Points in Annual  
Sports Day Events.

SMELZER IN THE LEAD.

Big Dan Sutherland, Sole Re-  
presentative of Juniors Scored  
Nineteen Points.

Despite the predictions of wet weather yesterday, conditions were much better than those for the Freshman-Sophomore meet held a week before, and a fair attendance turned out to see some interesting events run off in the Annual Sports of the University. Principal Peterson, with David Bisham, the noted baritone, as his guest, spent the greater part of the afternoon on the field watching the men work. Captain Lowry, the former miler, who is now with the C.A.M.C., and Captain Sid. Baldwin, last year's winner in the weight events, and one of the best basketball players that McGill has turned out, were on the grounds and took a great interest. Capt. Baldwin is also with the C.A.M.C. The stand held a crowd of about 500 to 600 people, with the R.V.C. represented by at least fifty girls, who seemed to take as much interest in the proceedings as the men did. The crowd might have been much larger considering that this is the only field day that the University holds.

The meet itself was characterized by some very good field records, but the track events were rather slow, although no less interesting on that account. In more than one case, an effort was made to establish a new record, but in each case the distance fell a little short of the old record. The inter-year race lost what little interest it held after only a very few events had been run off, as the Seniors assumed the lead in points at the outset, and kept piling them up in nearly every event, getting an aggregate of 52 to the Freshman classes' 30. The Freshmen turned out well again this week, and deserve considerable credit for their work. Danny Sutherland was the sole representative of the third year, but he managed to keep them out of last place by scoring 19 points to the Sophomores' 9. The win of 1917 in the year competition yesterday establishes a college record for consecutive wins, it is believed. The present Seniors have taken the University Sports aggregate every year since their entry into McGill, and it is likely that this has never been equalled.

The individual championship was a matter that attracted interest from the start, as it was seen that there was to be a hard race between Sutherland, Cushing and Smelzer. Danny appeared to be the man in the early stages, when he took the three weight events with little difficulty, and took a second and third in the jumps. Danny has certainly not gone back since he last appeared in athletics here two years ago. He came within an ace of beating both the shot-put and the discus record. In the shot-put, he threw the weight 38 ft. 1 inch, in a special trial. This is only 15 inches behind the college record, and was a wonderful throw. In the discus, he made three extra trials in an attempt to stretch out the record, but fell only three inches short of the record. His distance in the hammer throw was 98 feet, a very good one, though nowhere near the record. Smelzer, who finally won the all-round championship, was, as usual, not very spectacular in any one event, but was consistent, in say the least. He took the one hundred yards in the last two strides, coming out in front of Hillier, who, though penalized one yard for over-anxiety, held the lead which he won from the pistol up to that point. Hillier seemed to think that he had the race won, but Smelzer's spurt took him by surprise, and he fell back. Smelzer's win in the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet, was conceded as one of the surprises of the day. This was only three and one-half inches behind the college record, and was made after he had taken two very mediocre jumps. Cushing was his own inimitable self in the pole vault, and captured that event with comparative ease. In a special exhibition afterward, he tried to break his own previous college record of 10 feet 8 inches. He also took the high jump at five feet, four inches, and turned in an aggregate of fourteen points, coming in third behind Smelzer and Sutherland, the Junior team. Donnelly, of the Freshmen, figured in several events as a future all-round man of promise. He took the hurdles easily, and got one second and three thirds. Bill Gerrie took the three mile race from Walsh, after Walsh had defeated him in the mile. Bill finds the mile a little too short for him, but was obviously at his best in the three mile. Pitts, who took second in the weight throws, was somewhat of a dark horse, as Smelzer and Donnelly were expected to get the seconds and thirds here.

The All-round championship still rests in the hands of a '17 man, despite the strenuous efforts of Sutherland to dislodge it. Smelzer has now held the honor for two successive years. He claims to be retiring from sports this year for good.

The summary:  
100 yard dash. Time, 10 4-5 secs.—1, Smelzer; 2, Hillier; 3, Block. Hillier was penalized one yard.

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## GREAT ATHLETE ENLISTS.



LIEUT. JOHN WICKSON.

Another former McGill and inter-collegiate footballer has signed up for active service overseas in Lieut. John A. Wickson, of Arch. '15, who is now stationed at Camp Hughes with his detachment of the Canadian Army Service Corps. Lieut. Wickson is an athlete of note, who has been a member of not only prominent Canadian teams, but also of teams which have competed at the Olympic games, a record of which his classmate, George Hodgson, now of the Royal Naval Air Service, can also boast. Lieut. Wickson is a Winnipeg boy, who, in addition to his athletic record at the University, held a number of offices within the gift of his fellow students. He was a member of the executive of the Science Undergraduate Society; president of his class in Architecture, and secretary of the Hockey and Skating Club. He was hockey representative from his class, and a member of the senior football and hockey squads; and also was one of those to represent Canada on the Olympic team of 1912, and rowed with the Argonaut's senior eight at Henley in the following year.

## ENGLISH RUGBY TEAMS MEET AT STADIUM TO-DAY

Sailors of H.M.S. Carnarvon Play  
McGill Team.

GAME TO HELP RED CROSS.  
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The McGill English Rugby team will meet the sailors of H.M.S. Carnarvon this afternoon at the Stadium, commencing at 3 o'clock sharp. Both teams are in the best of condition, and an interesting game is expected. The line-up of both teams is as follows:

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Upham .. . . .	Clayton
Clark .. . . .	Taylor
Donnelly .. . . .	Hingston
Patterson .. . . .	Halves.
Roscoe .. . . .	Thomas
Pitts .. . . .	Donnelly
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Swanovsky .. . . .	James
	Moore
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	Steers
	Ballinger
	Evans
	Thomas
	Substitutes.

Beverly.  
MacCulloch.  
The game will be conducted under the auspices of the sailors, and for the benefit of the Red Cross. An admission of twenty-five cents will be charged. Capt. Simpson has kindly consented to march the C.O.T.C. up to see the game. No admission will be charged to the men of the C.O.T.C. or the sailors.

Mr. Gunn, who played in the English Rugby League here two years ago, has kindly consented to referee. He is an Old Country man, and knows the game well. The game will be interesting, and a large turnout is expected.

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Sir Stopford has suggested to student officials that an enquiry be at once instituted into the possibility of raising such a battery from among students and graduates. Whether this battery will be raised as a purely McGill unit will largely rest upon the result of this investigation. Sir Stopford will appear before the Students' Council at its next meeting, and outline his plan.

It appears that the Militia authorities are at the present time authorizing only depot battalions of siege artillery, since each of the Canadian divisions at the front has its full complement of this branch of artillery. These depot batteries are for the purpose of providing reinforcements, for the siege batteries already in action. It is Capt. Brunton's suggestion that

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## ANOTHER BATTERY.

The possibility of the authorization of another McGill battery will undoubtedly cause much favourable comment within the walls of the University, and will be eagerly encouraged as far as the students are concerned, while the members of the various Faculties will no doubt further the scheme in every possible way. When the Number 6 Battery was enlisted it had the sympathetic and active support of practically every student attending McGill. That Battery is, from the last advice received, still in England, completing its course of training before proceeding to the scene of action. It left behind in Halifax, where the previous training had been given, a commendable record in both efficiency and conduct; a record of which the members of the Battery can be proud, and one which is but natural in McGill organizations.

The formation of another combatant unit which will be of a distinctively McGill character, will be welcomed on all sides. And this for several reasons. One of these is that a battery requires men with an ability for technical work, and where can these be recruited to better advantage than from University men. Take, for example, the undergraduates in the Faculty of Science. Here is the greatest possible opportunity for these men to make practical use of the training which they have been pursuing; a use practical to themselves in that they will be able to make themselves proficient in the principles which they have been studying in their years at College, and the more important practical use of being of value to the Empire in the present conflict. There should not be any mistaken idea in the student community that the men of the Science Faculty are the only ones which can find a place or are desired in the Battery, if it is authorized. Any man who has the least predilection to practical work can learn and enjoy work in an artillery unit.

Another all-McGill battery would be like the former, a big family, every member of which would possess to the highest degree that esprit de corps so necessary in any co-operative organization, and especially in a fighting body. Often objection is made by parents to their sons enlisting on the ground that, going into a company of strangers they have to shift for themselves, and while this is often the best thing that could happen to them, yet this objection will not be able to be raised in such a battery as that proposed. The men comprising it will be with friends of their college life, will have interests in common outside of the work they are engaged in, and in general should be the happiest combatant unit which will have left to participate in the Empire's fight for freedom. With the authorization which we hope will come, there seems little that can prevent the unit from being not only a huge success, but another mark of credit to the name of McGill in the column wherein the University's contributions to the needs of the Empire are chronicled.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is a very practical way for the students of the University to show that they appreciate the men of His Majesty's Naval Forces, whether they are playing with a football or the Dreadnaught toys of the German Emperor, and it consists of turning out in large numbers to the contest this afternoon at the Stadium between the team from H.M.S. Carnarvon, and a picked team from McGill. Rugby football along English lines is not brought to the notice of the men within McGill to such an extent as other forms of sport, but this does not mean that it is uninteresting either to the player or to the spectator. In its own way it combines the strategy of our Canadian game with the endurance required in every strenuous athletic contest. The students at McGill who took up the challenge of the Carnarvon men have been practicing faithfully, and have done everything in their power to make the interest in the contest as widespread as possible. They are making no return whatever, either to themselves or the Association of the University, under whose colours they are playing, but were one in their desire that the proceeds be turned over to the Red Cross. Surely the students have reason enough to give them every bit of practical support in their power.

## WEIGHT NO BAR TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Columbia Spends \$25,000 to Aid Fat Men in Lab. Work. is Announcement.

He who said that nobody loves a fat man never struck up a first hand acquaintanceship with the chemistry department of Columbia University. To ease the pursuit of the sciences by men of avoirdupois that department is now spending \$25,000—a sure sign of a warm feeling toward the flesh-burden. The money is being invested in a new type of laboratory desk which is guaranteed to abolish the misery caused persons of heft by the necessity to squirm and squeeze in order to reach in the old kind of desk the apparatus stored on a level with their invisible ankles. The new equipment, of course, has other advantages, but they are minor.

Dr. Harold A. Pales, instructor in quantitative analysis at Columbia University, himself possessed of respectable girth, is the designer of the new desk. He was not inclined to minimize its possibilities of leading the stout man into the chemical heaven yesterday, but said his chief satisfaction at its invention was gleaned from the fact that after fifteen years' work in chemistry he had discovered his possession of genius as a carpenter.

The desk which arouses all these emotions is now in process of installation in the organic chemistry laboratories and in the Havemeyer Hall, Columbia University, under the supervision of Dr. Alexander Smith, head of the chemistry department, and Dr. Pales.

Dr. Pales, however, is not the only one who has discovered his genius as a carpenter. Heath's flat stone top, instead of

comprising two drawers and a large cupboard, consists of a set of shelves and racks, every one of which comes into full and immediate view when the door, which is without hinges and pulls straight out, is urged forward. With the door in order words, comes forth the entire cupboard, which is set lightly on a wheel running in a brass lined centre groove on the floor of the desk frame. A board divides this cupboard into two. Each side can be examined at a glance, and anything on it can be taken out in an instant.

The desk is a great economizer of space. The students' apparatus, set out in this rack cupboard, occupies 24,000 cubic inches. When placed in the ordinary desk, with its cupboard and drawers, the same apparatus occupies 44,000 cubic inches. That makes it possible to place outfits for two different students where one went before.

The organic laboratory, when reconstructed, will accommodate 140 students, where it accommodated only 70 before; the quantitative, 200, where it had room for only 100, and in neither will there be any more desks than there were before.

He saw her sitting in the dark corner, and knew that his chance had come. Noislessly he stole up behind her, and almost before she was aware of his presence he had kissed her.

"How dare you!" she shrieked delightedly. "You saucy boy, you!"

"Pardon me," he bluffed readily, stepping out into the light, "I thought you were my sister."

"You silly idiot," she snapped, stepping into the light beside him, "I am."

Wrathful Recruit: "Ere, wot did yer call me a thick-headed idiot in front of the Colonel fer?"

Astonished Sergeant: "Why, it ain't a secret, is it?"

## The Mystery of the Vanishing Fish

"Yes," said Sprague Henneidy, reflectively, "this is an extremely interesting case." "Is it?" asked I. "It looks to me just like an ordinary nickle-dime case. What is there strange about it?" "I wasn't referring to the cigarette-case," said Sprague, in an annoyed tone, as he replaced it in his pocket, "it was the case on which I am now working. It presents many unusual features. As the scene is laid in the country, I am taking it up as a sort of summer pastime. Listen to me, and I'll explain what I have learned about it."

"It appears that the Rev. O. U. Dubbe of the parish of Usquebaugh, possesses a fish pond which he has regularly stocked with cat-fish, a comestible on which he sets no small store. But although he has deposited in the pond at various times upwards of three thousand catfish, they invariably disappear without leaving a single survivor. He has tried in many ways to discover the way in which they vanish, but has always met with failure in his attempts. Finally he has called upon me to help him. I have collected all the apparatus I need, and have sent it by freight in advance; to-night I leave for Usquebaugh."

"May I come, too, Sprague?" I cried. "Oh, hang it, all right!" he said, in his bluff, hearty manner, "you had better bring along one of my patent pocket machine guns, they only cost \$180 now, but the price will go up when they are placed on the market." "Oh, thank you, Sprague," I replied gratefully. "You see," he went on, "it snoots from this central barrel in every direction at once except back at the shooter, like a lawn sprinkler, and at the rate of 5,000 shots a minute. In my freight I have two trunks of ammunition, weighing a ton each, so we shall be well prepared for anything." "But," I suggested, in my usual foolish manner, "is it not a trifle dangerous to innocent passers-by?" "Not a bit," he responded cheerily. "You see, I intend to use it only at night, when nobody will be abroad, and the danger to houses will be comparatively slight."

"I also have," Sprague continued, "some of my patent traps, which catch everything coming within ten feet of them. I have had a ring of them set forty feet apart round the pond, so that in my absence it will be untouched." "But is there not room for some one to pass?" I was about to ask, when Sprague, like the true man of action he was, put an end to my quibbling by crying, "Come, come," the train leaves in four minutes, and we are three and a half minutes' walk from the station; here, take your machine gun, you can hand me the cheque afterwards."

Our journey in the train was uneventful, as was our ride from the station to the house of our client. On our arrival before the pretty little country house with its clear green walls and red roof, a stout gentleman who had been picking blueberries on a hill nearby, ran towards us, waving his basket over his head, and hailing us. "Ah, our client," said Sprague, "Notice the fish-pond on his left." As Henneidy spoke these words the stout gentleman gave a sudden fearful cry, sprang high in the air, and vanished with a loud crash in a clump of stinging nettles. "Good, excellent!" I heard Sprague murmur. "It works splendidly." "What is it?" I cried. "Why, my patent trap, of course," he answered. "Come, let us see whether he is caught firmly or not."

We hastened toward the fish pond, and found the Rev. O. U. Dubbe lying in the nettles, and seemingly quite annoyed. The trap held him firmly by the ankle, which at first sight appeared to be broken, although a later examination showed it to be merely dislocated. His features seemed rather damaged by the nettles, but his voice was unimpaired. "What do you mean, sir," he cried, on spying Henneidy, "by assaulting me on my own grounds with your infernal devices? I've a good mind to—"

"Stay," said Sprague, imperatively, "did I not tell you I had had traps set?" "Well, yes," the other admitted, "but (with a fresh accession of wrath) you did not tell me where they were!" "Well, really," said Sprague, "I can't have everyone knowing my preparations, you know. If you had asked, I should probably have told you."

"Never mind," said our client, "get this beastly thing off first." "I'm sorry, but I sent the keys to the traps in my freight, and you'll have to wait till to-morrow to get it opened," said Henneidy. "But never mind, I'll soon have the thief by the heels." "I sincerely hope so," said the other, "if it's as bad as this."

That evening, as it grew dark, Sprague and I crept forth armed with our machine guns and 2,000 rounds of ammunition each. Sprague also carried under his arm a small wooden box, which seemed to be quite heavy. "What have you there, Sprague?" I whispered. He did not answer, and I felt sure he was thinking. We soon arrived at the spot Sprague had chosen as the best to intercept the cat-fish thieves, and set up our machine guns. "Suppose they come behind us?" I could not help asking. "Aha, I expected that," Henneidy answered with a chuckle. "Look at this." He opened the box and disclosed a complicated mass of levers and wires, in the centre of which was a dial marked with the points of the compass, together with certain figures, and provided with a small steel needle.

"This," said Sprague, "is my patent enemy-recorder. It responds with marvellous accuracy to the air waves set in motion by a movement anywhere near, and records their speed and size. I thus know at a glance the distance and rate of approach of my enemy. In addition, this needle points to the direction from which he is approaching. All I then have to do is point my machine gun and wait till he appears."

"Marvelous, marvelous," I exclaimed. "What a brain is yours, Sprague." "Flush!" he exclaimed, "look at the instrument!" A faint buzz was heard; the needle moved on the dial. Sprague bent over it, gave a keen glance around, and switched off the patent radium lamp which gave us light. "He is only ten yards away, north, north-east," he hissed in my ear, and approaching to stalk us. "An eternity seemed to pass; nothing could be heard but the buzz of the enemy-recorder, nothing seen but Sprague's white trousers, and the gleam of his eyes as he

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bent over the dial. Then a faint crack was heard right in front of us.

"Fire!" cried Sprague, as he pressed the button of his machine gun. The roar of the explosion did not drown a dreadfulellow of pain from our foe. In an instant 4,000 bullets had been poured into the thickets around, and all was still again. "Come," said Henneidy, switching on his radium lamp, "let us go and find him." We pushed aside the bushes. What was my amazement to see an immense black and white body, riddled with bullet holes, and emphatically dead.

"Why, Sprague," I cried, "it is only a cow!" "Of course," said Henneidy, with a slight curl of the lip at my lack of intelligence. "Our thief used it as a blind to cover his approach, and has escaped me for the moment. This shows we have to deal with a highly dangerous foe, a master criminal, in fact. However, as the dial shows, his last direction was south south-west, so we cannot do better than proceed in that direction. I have no more ammunition left, but I have in my pocket my 25 cent safety razor, which is the deadliest weapon known to science."

We followed a rough path through the brush until we came to the bank of the pond. Suddenly Sprague flashed his lamp on something, drew back and whipped out his safety razor. "Look!" he exclaimed. I looked. A man, a stout man, was lying in the bushes, apparently asleep; by his side was a large bottle; in the air was a subtly suggestive odor. "Watch!" said Sprague, as he etepped back and raised a heavy stone. "But, Sprague," cried I, "don't you see who it is? It's the Rev. O. U. Dubbe."

Henneidy laughed outright at my ignorance. "Paraffin, my boy, paraffin!" he cried. "Look at this!" He dashed the stone into the sleeper's face. The result was almost laughable. The man's nose actually seemed to be driven up toward his left eye-brow. "See," said Sprague, as he kicked the other violently under the

jaw. The man's face seemed absolutely telescoped. Encouraged, I dropped a heavy rock myself, and I assure you, I saw a tooth, several teeth in fact, fly out. One might almost have supposed them genuine. At this the prostrate man arose with a wild howl, dashed the light from Henneidy's hand and vanished in the undergrowth before we could recover.

"Well, well," said Sprague, "I hardly expected even you, Jimson, to be outwitted like that. However, the fact remains he has escaped, and we won't indulge in useless recriminations. To-morrow I'll run him down; you had better stay home and pack. I was surprised that you were fooled by that paraffin device. It's the easiest thing in the world, you know, to change the features entirely. In fact, our criminal did his work rather poorly, for it wasn't a very good likeness. And now, to sleep. So saying, he stretched himself on a couch of spruce boughs and nettles, and was asleep in a moment. After a longer period of time I followed suit.

I was rudely awakened by a heavy kick behind the ear, and opened my eyes to see, standing over me, an armed man. His face and ankle were swathed in bandages, and he was brandishing an old-fashioned shotgun which he pointed alternately at Sprague and myself. With him were two rough-looking men armed with pitch forks, who seemed to be farmers. "Now," exclaimed the bandaged figure, "I'll give you two dangerous maniacs one minute and a half to take your miserable paraphernalia and get

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## GYM. SUITS AND NIGHTIES WERE MUCH TOO FORE

Initiation of First Year Students at the R.V.C.

### LUNCHEON FOLLOWS FUN.

Freshettes Treated to Dew-worms and Rides to Fiery Furnace

A most unique initiation of the incoming class of nineteen hundred and twenty took place from nine till twelve on Friday morning in the Royal Victoria College.

Sharp on the hour the all-important Sophomores, in their terrifying black robes and masks, summoned the Freshies to the mathematics room on the ground floor, where the roll was called. One "vile" Freshie appeared ten seconds late, and was summoned to a stern account by the Sophomore taskmaster in charge.

As for the absentees, it was decided that they be dealt with on a later occasion with double severity. The trembling Freshies, bidding their companions a mournful farewell, were hurried to the cloak room, where they donned nightgowns over their gymnasium suits, and were branded on the forehead with the word "Freshie," in large green letters. Proceeding to the Common Room, their hair was becomingly dressed by skilled hair-dressers of the Sophomore year.

They then lined up in the hall, before being led to the "lower regions," where they knew not what awaited them.

By this time the unfortunate ones were, of course, blindfolded, and proceeded to the dungeons in terror of their very lives and safety. The noble Sophs, then stationed themselves at their different posts of duty, and the dread ordeal began.

A joy-ride to the fiery furnace was succeeded by a dainty repast of luscious dew-worms. These revived their fainting spirits! Had they not fasted for days in anticipation of this meal? Some took four helpings, others more.

Possibly the greatest treat for the Freshies was the ride in the aeroplane, manoeuvred by skilled craftsmen, the first aerial flight to take place in the Royal Victoria College.

Another feature was the high dive into the sea. As the Freshmen had not hitherto showed any great skill in handling plates in their baby fingers, a lengthy practice was given in this line. After which each member was led to the Council Chamber, presided over by the Sophs, to sign a declaration of fidelity, allegiance and service to the Class of '19. The worthy king of the Soph, then took his seat upon the throne of the Infernal regions, and summoning all his courtiers about him, called upon the unfortunate victims to amuse him. After each Freshie had done her share in entertaining the royal assembly, doors and windows were thrown open. Then preceded by the royal procession of Sophs, the Freshies were marched in single file, out onto the back lawn, to enjoy a few moments of fresh air and have their pictures taken. Thereupon ended the tortures; the Sophs threw off their masks, bandages were removed from the Freshies' eyes, and altogether the two years assembled in the Common Room, where a rear luncheon was served to the newcomers with all cordiality by the Sophomores. A short dance was enjoyed by all, where the members of each class had the opportunity of meeting each other in a more personal way. At 12 o'clock the initiation party closed with the National Anthem, nineteen-hundred yell, cheers from both sides, and lastly the McGill yell. During the whole proceedings there were several Juniors and Seniors on-lookers, who seemed to be living over again with joy similar days gone by, but not forgotten.

## 3RD YEAR MEDICINE MAN DIES SUDDENLY

### W. D. Graham Poisoned While Employed in Powder Manufactory.

W. D. Graham, a well known and very popular undergraduate of the third year in Medicine, died early yesterday morning at the Royal Victoria Hospital, as the result of tri-nitro-toluene poisoning, contracted while he was working on high explosives at the plant of the Curtis and Harvie Co. at Dragon, Que., this summer. The poison attacked him in the latter part of August, and he was removed to the hospital there. He was discharged from there in the third week in September feeling fully recovered, and spent a few weeks at home in Glen Murray, Que., previous to taking up his year's work here, for the session. Since that time he has been attending lectures regularly, and seemed to be in good health. He did not complain to any of his classmates about feeling unwell. On Thursday night, however, he became very seriously ill, and was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, where he died yesterday morning at 6.15.

## FIFTEEN TURN OUT AT FIRST SCI. PRACTICE

### "Venus" Lemay, Manager, Puts Squad Through Stiff Workout at Stadium.

Football started yesterday in the Faculty of Applied Science when some fifteen members of the various years appeared on the Stadium at ten in the morning and put in a light signal practice under the supervision of "Venus" Lemay, the Science manager. While Lemay says that he is not playing this year himself, it is believed that he will turn out later, when the season has started fully. The practice brought out some good material, but it is hoped that the next one, to be held on Fletcher's Field tomorrow morning, will bring out more of the old-timers who did not put in appearance yesterday. Several men, such as Charlton, of Science '17, and others, of the same calibre, are needed to round out the team. The first game of the season, that between Arts and Science, will be played on Monday, so that it will be necessary to have all men available out on the field to-morrow at ten a.m., and to hold a stiff practice then. The men out yesterday were Lee, Fraser, Wickenden, Camp, Scott, Liddy, Fox, Bennett, Smith McLeod and H. Smith.

## THE RAIN(Y) DRILL.

Thday is cold and dark and dreary, And thrill-instructor's never weary. My spine still clings by a fastening small But at every step I expect its fall And thday is dark and dreary.

My life is cold (ah) and dark and dreary (ah) My legs are broken, my eyes are clear (y). Thud (ah) still clings like a porous plaster (aah) But thrill-instructor drives us faster (aaah). And thday is dark (ah) and dreary (y) (aaaah).

## C.O.T.C. TO PARADE TO RUGBY MATCH

Course For Officers' Qualification will Begin on October 28,

### BATTALION ORDERS NO. 3,

by Lieut. Col. Robert Starke, O.C., McGill University Contingent, C. O. T. C.

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6.—Parade. The Battalion will parade on Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 2.45 p.m., on the McGill Campus.

The Brass Band will fall in on the Campus, without instruments, at the same time.

In the event of rain, the Battalion will fall in at the Drill Hall, Craig Street, at 3 p.m.

7.—Certificate "A" Course. Men desiring to take the course leading to certificate for Lieutenant's qualification, and who have not already handed in their names, should do so at once. The course will begin on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 2.45 p.m.

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### FOOTBALL MATCH.

The Adjutant of the McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C., has arranged that the members of the Battalion will have an opportunity of seeing the football match between the McGill team and the team from the sailors in port, which is to be held this afternoon.

The Battalion will be marched up to the Stadium, and at the conclusion of the match will return to the Campus for drill.

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### WAR DEPARTMENT ACTS.

Conference Included Professors of Harvard, Yale, and other Leading Universities.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Official authorization for the training in military science of students in sixteen of the country's leading universities and colleges was given by the War Department recently, to executive officers of the institutions, at a conference between them and ranking department officials.

The purpose of the conference was to establish a systematic method for training reserve officers along lines described by the army reorganization law. It has been estimated that a corps of 50,000 reserve officers will be necessary to establish an adequate military force should the United States become involved in war with a first class world power.

In the absence of Secretary Baker, who issued the invitation to the college and university heads, the conference was presided over by William M. Ingraham, Acting Secretary, and officers present included Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff; Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern Department; Brigadier General Macomb, president of the War College, and members of the General Staff.

Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard, and Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale, together with several other prominent educators, replied to addresses of welcome by the army representatives.

The conference was a general informal discussion of the law authorizing army training in civil institutions and of ways and means for putting it into effect. The general impression of the speakers was that the regulations as prescribed by the statute were not sufficiently elastic and should be modified so that it might be better adapted to the various types of educational institutions represented.

Mr. Ingraham appointed a committee composed of Dr. Lowell, of Harvard, chairman; Major John J. Kingman, U. S. A.; E. W. Nicholas, superintendent Virginia Military Institute; the Rev. Edward A. Pace, Catholic University of America; H. S. Fiebert, president Lehigh; W. O. Thompson, president Ohio State University, and George E. Vincent, president University of Minnesota, to work out a curriculum acceptable to the various institutions and the government, and to arrange other details for the actual beginning of instruction.

The curriculum will be drafted to cover such subjects as are known to junior army officers, and will exempt graduates of such institutions from the necessity of taking the regular army examination to obtain commissions as reserve officers. It will be made effective when completed by a general order issued by the Secretary of War.

Many other educational institutions are expected to install military training courses later.

The conference closed its work last night and adjourned to await the committee's report. The institutions authorized to-day to give military instruction are: Princeton University, Harvard University, Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Alabama, Virginia Military Institute, Stevens Institute of Technology, Catholic University of America, Lehigh University, Ohio State University, University of Tennessee, Clemson Agricultural College, University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, College of the City of New York and University of Vermont.

## CHAMPIONS AGAIN ARE MEN OF '17.

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Pole Vault. Height, 10 feet, 3 ins.—1, Cushing; 2, Sutherland; 3, Smelzer.

Half Mile. Time, 2 min. 17.4 sec.—1, King; 2, Beach.

1000 Yard Hurdles. Distance, 98 ft.—1, Sutherland; 2, Pitts; 3, Donnelly.

High Jump. Height, 5 feet, 4 ins.—1, Cushing; 2, Smelzer; 3, Sutherland.

16 pound shot. Distance 37 feet, 1 in.—1, Sutherland; 2, Pitts; 3, Donnelly.

220 yard dash. Time, 25 secs. flat.—1, Block; 2, Smelzer; 3, Macy.

Broad Jump. Distance, 21 feet.—1, Smelzer; 2, Donnelly; 3, Cushing.

One mile. Time, 5 mins. 13.4 sec.—1, Walsh; 2, Gerrie.

Discus Throw. Distance, 107 feet, 2 in.—1, Sutherland; 2, Smelzer; 3, Donnelly.

120 Yard Hurdles. Time, 19 2-5 sec.—1, Donnelly; 2, Cushing; 3, Smelzer.

440 Yards. Time, 57 1-5 sec.—1, King; 2, Block; 3, Davis.

Three Miles. Time, 18 mins. 5 2-5 sec.—1, Gerrie; 2, Walsh.

The officials were:—Referee—Prof. C. H. McLeod. Track Judges—Sir William Peterson, Dr. F. W. Harvey, Dr. G. A. Smith, R. E. Melville, R. E. How, Field Judges—Dr. C. T. Sullivan, R. H. Dawson, A. H. Greenwood. Starter—R. H. Carroll, M.A.A.A. Scorers—H. R. Morgan, S. J. Liddy, W. B. Galvin, T. M. Richardson, J. E. McLeod, J. W. Rooney. Clerks of the Course—A. S. Lamb, F. B. Common, H. A. Melville. Timekeepers—Prof. C. H. McLeod, Prof. E. Brown, J. Taylor, M.A.A.A. Announcer—E. A. Corbett.

## RULES LESS STRICT FOR FRESHMEN NOW

### Princeton University Gives First Year Men An Easier Life.

PRINCETON, N.J.—The freshmen at Princeton University—at the imminent risk of the guillotine if caught—are cheering themselves, theoretically. They recognize in an announcement of changes made in rules for their conduct that there is in some quarters a tendency to let them live and to cease impressing them constantly with the fact that they are the lowest form of collegiate life. They are to be let up, it seems.

The Senior Council, after having thought over and around the matter, have decided that in the future freshmen, however small and insignificant, may wear soft collars and also cuffs on the bottoms of their trousers. Furthermore, they are allowed to buy soda at Chadwick's drug store, where until very recently there was a standing order from the Senior Council to serve arsenic to any person in the class of 1920 if he crept in there.

The rules, which remain stark and stern, are that freshmen shall not smoke on the street or campus; shall not wear flannels, knickerbockers or mackinaws; shall not walk on any grass; shall not ride bicycles, and shall not attend church without a coat.

The freshmen should worry, though. There always is Chadwick's to drop into and drown it all in a sundae.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE VANISHING FISH.

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off my estate, I'd have you both run in, if I thought it'd do any good, but it's more a case for the asylum. First you've dislocated my ankle; second, you've shot to bits my prize Holstein cow; third, you've battered my face to pieces while I was helpless. Now I'm afraid if I give you time you'll finish the job."

"You idiot," said Sprague, with dignity, "you've allowed a master criminal to escape." "Criminal," shrieked the other, "there is no criminal! The reason why the fish escaped is that I'd forgotten to block the stream that drains the pond, and they all swam out that way. I found that out last night, myself. Then I—er—fell asleep, and you two lunatics attempted my murder. Get out now! One minute and a half, remember!"

"Come," said Sprague to me, his voice trembling with emotion. "I can not remain here a moment longer. Stupidity I can bear, but ingratitude never." And he turned away with hauteur.

"Sprague," cried I, "you are wonderful!"

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## ARTILLERY SIEGE UNIT SUGGESTED.

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the proposed McGill battery be authorized as a depot unit, with the proviso that should a Fifth Canadian Division be placed in the field, it be allowed to go as a unit with this. In making an application of this sort it would be of great advantage to have a battery composed wholly of McGill men, since such a unit would prove more efficient than one made up of outside men as well. The first and most important step will be to find out how many students and graduates would be prepared to offer their services in the event of the formation of the battery.

While no definite action has been taken by the University in the matter, it is understood that the authorities regard the proposal quite favourably. The question has been referred to the committee on Military Studies, who are now talking it up.

Should it be found feasible to raise a successor to No. 6 McGill Siege Battery now undergoing training in England, it is not unlikely that a course in artillery work will be instituted by the University Contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps, and that men now receiving instruction in infantry training will be permitted to transfer to the artillery course. Recruits for the proposed battery will join this course, and be allowed to continue their studies until the close of the session, when actual enlistment for active service would begin.

Sir Stophord Brunton is at present delivering a course of lectures in Military Engineering at McGill. He has served on the headquarters staff in France.

Siege artillery is the heaviest and most technical type of artillery. Two batteries make up a brigade; an ammunition column accompanies each brigade. A battery consists of 159 men of all ranks—7 officers (including paymaster), 1 warrant officer and 151 N.C.O.'s and men. Each battery has four guns—known technically as "howitzers"—varying in calibre from 6 to 12 inches, or even heavier. The guns are moved by mechanical transports—motor trucks or traction engines; no horses are used. The officers are provided with motor-cycles.

Heavy howitzers are not adapted for firing without platforms. They are fired from timber or concrete bases, according as circumstances demand. The firing of siege howitzers requires great accuracy on the part of officers and men. Compared with shells of lighter artillery, the shells of siege artillery are very costly, and they must be fired so as not to be wasted. Again, when the enemy trenches are only a few yards from our own trenches, it is necessary to drop shells with perfect accuracy, not only to shatter the enemy trenches, but at the same time to protect our own infantry, and to avoid doing them injury with our own fire. The knowledge and experience of college-trained men is naturally of great value in this type of artillery, because of the fine mathematical calculations, the care and the judgment required. Indeed, it is the opinion of many artillery officers that college students or college-trained men are the most desirable type of men to draw from for siege artillery, and that they can be of more value in this branch of the service than in any other branch.

The position of the battery is usually not closer to the front trenches than three or four miles; frequently it is six or eight miles away. This is required by the very nature of the work, and also because the guns are so valuable and so difficult to move that ample time must be given should a retreat for any reason be ordered. The battery is always concealed, and its safety lies in the ingenuity and originality with which it is hidden from hostile aeroplanes and from the enemies' long-range guns. Most of the firing is done at night. The battery moves infrequently; indeed, it may sometimes occupy the same position for months. The result is that the men, unlike those of other units, are not "always on the move," they are practically in billets, although in action, and while they are perhaps more continually on duty, they are at least more comfortable than they otherwise might be.

The men in the Battery are divided or classified according to their natural ability, experience, or the special aptitude shown in training. They are divided into gunners, gun-layers, range-finders, observers, signallers, telephonists, plotters, etc.; in addition to these, there are a few clerks, and office assistants. The normal method of communication is by telephone or telegraph, but when wires are destroyed, semaphore signalling is resorted to. The instruments used by the battery are the "director" and the "observation of fire" instrument. In the use of these, men who have taken courses in surveying will find work to their liking.

On the whole, the work required in siege artillery is of a most interesting character. It is for the most part mental. It should appeal strongly to college men, and indeed it is doubtful if

## QUIPS

—By A. S. N.

UNCLE SALT BASIN—SHERBROOKE STREET.

Ah, Sherbrooke Street's a lovely place, the motors run a frantic race and seem to vie in desperate pace pedestrians to kill. The drivers chuckle in their glee to see the little children flee, and knock the lids off you and me, to show their wondrous skill. And O, ye little freshettes green, that in the R. V. C. are seen, do you not think they're awful mean to treat you in this way? However do you cross that street, with motors every fourteen feet? I can't see, for the love of Pete, how you escape each day. My hat to sudden death was sent, my gloves and cake the same way went, my boots around the toes are bent, my life I scarce brought through it; and I confess I'm at a loss to see those scorches let you cross, they seem to realize who's boss—say, teach me how you do it!

THE PIE, AND THE GIRL, AND I. At the Union table I sit each day With knife, and fork, and spoon, and tray; But when I get about half way— The pie is out!

I hold the line with eager ear When calling up some little dear; But usually 'tis this I hear— "The girl is out!"

I sign the line that maidens thrust Before my face; I feel I must, Yet always find to my disgust— That I am out!

And that is why I fume and shout; And that is what it's all about; And that is why I'm goin' to scout— The pie, and girl, and I am out!

Sophomore—Is old Prof. Flicent really such an efficiency expert? Senior—My child, when they celebrate his demise he will be teaching Pluto how to get more steam on less brimstone.

WHEN IN DOUBT—FUSS These people who say in a humble tone that they don't think they're the entire cheese, are probably only making an exception of the holes.

WHO was the first year student who was told by a professor that he resembled a servant more than a student?

WHO was the member of second year Arts who gained the coveted title of "champion liar" owing to his activity in colloquy with boarding-house keepers?

WHO was the student who executed part of his drill on Tuesday in a seated position in the mud? Was his nice rainbow sweater damaged?

WHO was the freshman who was extracted from beneath a bed in a boarding-house in the hostilities on Thursday? What did the occupants of the bed say?

WHO were the R. V. C. students who were watching the fray near the Sherbrooke street gate with such interest? What were their opinions of it?

WHO was the student who, on being asked by a lady friend if he had seen "Jeff," replied, "No, what has Mutt been doing to him now?"

WHO were the energetic R. V. C. students who climbed the apple-tree by the tennis court and distributed the fruit among the hungry house girls?

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT. "Auntie Pon"—No, darling, the lady signing herself "Joan," who writes for our columns is no relation to Joan of Arc, however archaic some of her sentiments may appear. Come again, dear.

"IVA PAYNE." their training could be put elsewhere to such advantage and value to the Empire.

If the proposed battery of siege artillery is organized, it will be the third McGill unit which has been placed in the field, exclusive of the six Universities companies which have been raised and sent overseas under the auspices of the University. The first to go overseas was No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill) officered and manned by McGill graduates and students. No. 6 McGill Siege Battery, which is now receiving further training in England, was formed at the close of the session of 1915-16, with Major W. D. Tait, of the Department of Philosophy, as its commanding officer. The first of the Universities companies, which are used as reinforcements for the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was largely composed of McGill men and there have been men from the University in every company which has followed to the battlefields of France.

## THIRD ANNUAL HALL DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

Dr. J. A. Nicholson was the Guest of Honour.

SEVENTY-FIVE PRESENT

Toasts and Speeches Follow Excellent Repast.—Hall Orchestra Prominent.

The third Annual Banquet of the residents of Strathcona Hall was held last evening in the Reading Room of the Hall. There were seventy-five present, all of whom express the opinion that this was one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent, and many of the older men say that this was a greater success than any of the former banquets.

The guests of honor for the evening were Dr. J. A. Nicholson and Mr. E. A. Corbett, both of whom are well known to the students. Dr. Nicholson has always taken an interest in the Hall activities, and Mr. Corbett, who is general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has been closely connected with the Hall for some time.

The arrangements for handling the 75 men are worthy of great praise, and together with the decorative effects were the results of hard and generous work on the part of Mrs. Armstrong and her able assistants. The room was gayly decked in McGill colors, red and white, and the tables had long red streamers over the white covers.

After all had partaken of a hearty meal, and were feeling very well pleased and much at ease, Mr. Church, the chairman, opened the list of toasts by proposing, in a most able manner, a toast to the King, after which the whole assembly joined in singing God Save the King.

The toast to Alma Mater was proposed by Mr. T. Turnbull, in a manner that was very fitting. He reminded those present that although we could not go to the front and fight like some of the boys, we could do our bit here.

Mr. Nicholson, the guest of honor, replied to this toast. He drew a comparison between the relation of a son to his mother and the relation of a student to his Alma Mater. Sometimes the mother punished the son when she should not, and sometimes she did not punish them when she should. So it was with the University. Sometimes the University laid restrictions on the students, when they should not, and sometimes they did not lay restrictions when they should. But the mother and the Alma Mater always had the best interest of their sons at heart. A point of special interest in the speech of Mr. Nicholson was that he said he was very sorry to see theatre night abolished, and that he would be glad to see it revived if it could be conducted in a proper manner.

The next toast was proposed by Mr. F. Almond, and was to the boys at the front. He carried off his part with the usual success, after which all joined in singing, "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

The toast to the new residents was proposed by Mr. C. Heeney, who assured all new comers to the Hall that they were heartily welcome to use all parts of the building, and any of the men on the committee would be only too glad to do anything possible for the strangers.

Mr. Cheesman, of Vancouver, replied to this toast in a manner which was enjoyed by all present.

The next item which occupied the attention of those who were gathered to the festive board was the most pleasant toast of the evening, namely, the toast to those most entertaining occupants of this otherwise monotonous globe, the ladies. Mr. A. E. Beckwith proposed the toast in a most efficient manner. On account of his wider experience in this field, Mr. "Kit" Leggo responded in a much more efficient manner. He dealt with the finer qualities and with the failings of the weaker sex; at least it is weaker in its ability to keep engagements. "Kit" flavoured his speech with a number of remarks, humorous and otherwise, some of which were original.

Throughout the evening the Hall Orchestra provided several excellent selections, all of which showed the degree of excellence the Orchestra has reached. However, its membership is not up to strength yet. Mr. E. A. Corbett, ever ready and always capable, entertained the gathering by several well-chosen recitations, chiefly humorous.

The singing of "God Save the King" and a hearty McGill yell brought to a close a very successful evening, which marked the conclusion of the Third Annual Banquet of the Residents of Strathcona Hall.

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